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-- AGAINST 1975-1979 FUND AVAILABILITY

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1. CONCUR RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REF (A) RE PROGRAMMING OF AIRFIELD SURVIVAL MEASURES (ASM) AS AN OBJECTIVE. IN ADDITION, TAB VEE MODIFICATIONS AT BITBURG SHOULD BE SUPPORTED.

2. REF (B) FOCUSES ON LONG RANGE FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL  
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PROBLEMS, RESULTING FROM LOW IAU 400 MILLION CEILING FOR

INFRASTRUCTURE PERIOD 1975-79. AGREE WE MUST KEEP ON TOP OF THIS, AND USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY, INCLUDING SECDEF INTERVENTION AT NATO AND BILATERAL MEETINGS, TO TRY TO REMOVE OR RAISE THE CEILING. HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF OUR MOST INSISTENT AND STRONG EFFORTS, THE FACT REMAINS THAT NATO NATIONS HAVE APPROVED ONLY IAU 400 MILLION FOR THE CURRENT FIVE YEAR PERIOD, AND WE HAVE REQUESTED CONGRESS TO CONCUR IN THIS NEW LONG RANGE PROGRAM. IF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, BOTH IN EUROPE AND THE US DO NOT IMPROVE, WE SEE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN ACHIEVING UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO A CEILING INCREASE. IF ALL AVAILABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS WERE

PROGRAMMED WITHIN 3 YEARS, AND THE CEILING WAS NOT INCREASED, IRREPARABLE HARM COULD BE DONE TO THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE COULD BE A TWO YEAR ;ORATORIUM, WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN TERMINATION OF THE PROGRAM. WE RECOMMEND YOU PUSH FOR PROGRAMMING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE OF HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS, KEEPING IN MIND EXISTING CEILING RESTRICTIONS AND ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SACEUR/SACLANT TO DECIDE HOW TO MANAGE FUNDS APPROVED BY NATO NATIONS. KISSINGER

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